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17. (Amended) The rodenticide of claim 16 wherein said hybrid is selected from the group consisting of DK 446, DK 401, DK 442, DK 512, DK 560, DK 588, DK 591, DK 604, DK 628, DK 634 or DK 512wx. *and*

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26. (Amended) A rodenticide comprising material which is an agonist in rodents of cellulosic white core material obtained from corn hybrid DK 446 which is rodenticidal when orally administered in a manner enabling free access to rodents.

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30. (Amended) A method of alleviating rodent infestation, the method comprising depositing in a region of infestation a rodenticide comprising cellulosic white core material obtained from corn cobs.

31. (Amended) The method according to claim 30 wherein said white core cellulosic material is an agonist in rodents of the cellulosic white core material obtained from the DK 446 corn hybrid.

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33. (Amended) A method of making a rodenticide comprising bringing into association (a) a bait attractant and (b) white core cellulosic material, obtained from the corn cobs.

34. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 33 wherein said white core cellulosic material is obtained from the cob of a corn hybrid characterized by normally growing to a height of 2.7 to 3.3 metres (9 to 11 feet) and by normally having a single giant ear of corn.

Add the following claims:

35. (New) A rodenticide comprising a cellulosic material which is non-toxic to humans but toxic to rats or mice, and a bait attractant.

36. (New) The rodenticide of claim 35 wherein the cellulosic material consists essentially of α cellulose.


37. (New) A method for killing rodents which comprises administering thereto an effective amount of a rodenticide according to claim 35.

38. (New) A method for killing rodents which comprises orally administering to the rodents an effective amount of a composition consisting essentially of cellulose in particulate form derived from corn cobs and mixed with an attractant, without the addition of pesticide or poison.

39. (New) The method as defined in claim 38 in which the cellulose grain particles are bound together with the attractant in an extruded form.

40. (New) The method as defined in claim 38 in which the cellulose grain comprises about 99% of the composition.

41. (New) The method as defined in claim 38 in which the cellulose grain is crushed to a size that can be ingested by the rodent.

 42. (New) A method for making a rodenticide comprising grinding corn cob, mixing the ground corn cob with a toxicant-free rodent attractant and pelletizing to a size suitable for ingestion by rodents.

43. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein the toxicant-free attractant is selected from the group consisting of molasses and sugar beets.
